

Announcement Number 18/12

OPEN TO: All Interested candidates
POSITION: **Procurement Agent, LES-7*; FP-7** or LES-8*; FP-6****
(*Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the Applicant;
**Position Grade for Not-Ordinarily Resident FP-6 to be determined by Washington)
OPENING DATE: **April 18, 2012**
CLOSING DATE: **May 2, 2012**
WORK HOURS: **Full-time, 40 hrs work week**

US Embassy Tbilisi is seeking one individual for the position of Procurement Agent in the General Services Office (GSO).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Procures a variety of commodities and services for the embassy and associated agencies by contract or purchase order actions or by ordering from agency headquarters, General Services Administration (GSA) or from companies with which established contracts exist. Requests quotations by telephone, correspondence, advertisement or e-commerce (GSA e-quote, FedBid and other online search engines), for contracts prepares solicitation package and obtains necessary clearances/ approvals from Contracting Officer (CO)/General Services Officer (GSO) or Office of Procurement Executive (OPE). Prepares purchase orders or contracts and related documents, obtains fiscal accounting data from Financial Management Officer (FMO) and necessary signatures, and transmits to vendors.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

- Completion of college is required;
- Four (4) years of progressively responsible experience in procurement related fields is required; From these four years minimum of two-year experience should be in procurement and contracting work.
- Level IV (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing **Georgian** is required. This may be tested;
- Level IV (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing **English** is required. This will be tested.
- Level II (Limited) Speaking/Reading/Writing **Russian** is required. This will be tested.
- A good working knowledge of Department of State and associated agency procurement regulations, instructions and procedures, GSA Catalogue, U.S. Federal Specifications and Standards, and of contracting procedures and practices. Must have a good knowledge of local market practices and of capabilities of local suppliers, plus general understanding of technical nature of products and services. Must understand local pricing customs and practices.
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing; Ability to research and interpret. Ability to determine the reasonableness of price and/or cost proposals including evaluation of individual cost and technical elements and to determine the best value for the government, knowledge of cost benefit analysis and economic factors.

SELECTION PROCESS:

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

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5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY:

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for US Federal Employment DS-174; **or/or**
2. A current Resume or Curriculum Vitae that provides the same information as an DS-174; (please indicate months and years of all employments, form should be in English);
3. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their applications;
4. Any other documentation (e.g. essays, certificates, awards, copies of degree earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

NOTE:

1. All applications must have the **Position Number** and **Position Title** identified.
2. **You may apply on-line using the HROTBilisi@state.gov email address. This is the preferred means of applying for a position with the American Embassy. Please go to our website for additional information, including current openings and tips on applying with the American Embassy in Tbilisi:**
<http://georgia.usembassy.gov/about-us/employment-opportunities--tenders2.html>
3. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FOR AN OPEN/ADVERTISED POSITION. APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR A JOB WILL NOT BE HELD/CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE JOBS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU MUST RE-APPLY.**

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Human Resources Office
11 George Balanchine Street
Tbilisi, Georgia
Zip Code: 0131
Fax: (995-32) 227-77-07

DEFINITIONS:

1. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM)** – For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
 - US Citizen; and,
 - EFM (see below) at least 18 years old; and,
 - Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.
2. **EFM:** An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:
 - Spouse; or same-sex domestic partner as defined in 3 FAM1610.
 - Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
 - Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;

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- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

3. Member of Household (MOH) – An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

Closing Date for This Position: May 2, 2012.

The US Mission in Tbilisi provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement program.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

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